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FOR: DRUG-IMMOBILIZED PARTICLES AND A PROCESS OF
PURIFYING PROTEINS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please ~~amend~~ the above-identified application, being filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ~~cancel~~, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims ~~1-18~~.

Kindly ~~add~~ the following new claims.

19. (new) A protein comprising an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ.
ID. No. 2 in which one or more amino acids are deleted, added or substituted.

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